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Merry Christmas



2012 HARC OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: DON VARY, KDØHHN -- V-PRES: LUAN SANDBERG, KC9PGS
SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL -- TREASURER: TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL
TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA
EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP

Next Scheduled Meeting: Annual Christmas Carry-In
Wednesday - DECEMBER 12, at 6:30 PM

Beth Haven Pleasant View
641 Euclid Avenue
Hannibal, Mo 63401

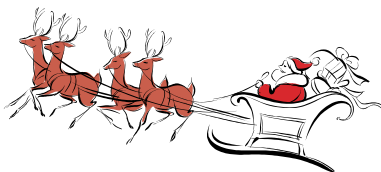
Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the club's meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.

MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST - DECEMBER 2012

3 KØDFW Howard
10 WØPGL Tony
17 WB2UFO Larry
24 KDØHHN Don
31 KB9VIS Brian

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FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2013
Hannibal, MO ARC 2013 Exam Dates

January 9th, 2013, April 10th, 2013, July 10th, 2013, October 9th, 2013

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KB0WIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2013 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

HARC CLUB DUES:

HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401.

Thanks!!.

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES



Date: November 14th, 2012

Location: Beth Haven Pleasant View 641 Euclid Hannibal Mo 63401

Previous meeting minutes: October 10th, 2012

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Motion to approve: Luan-KC9PGS

Seconded by: John-KC9MMO

Treasurers Report:

Cash: \$1,081.34 CD: \$1,313.42 Total balance: \$2,394.76

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA

Seconded by: Carol-WA9EFV

Repeater report: Fred-KBØWILThe 146.625 and 146.880 repeaters are working great, no problems.

ARRL Membership: If you're a member of the ARRL, and renew your membership through the club, we receive a small portion of your renewal fee. If interested, contact Fred-KBØWIL. Thank you to the members who have renewed through the club already. If your not a ARRL member, please consider joining, we need the ARRL to make sure we don't lose any of the amateur radio spectrum.

HARC Officer Election: 2013

Current Officers: 2012 Nominated Officers: 2013

President-Don KDØHHN President- Don KDØHHN

Vice Pres-Luan-KC9PGS Vice Pres- Luan-KC9PGS

Treasurer-Tony-WØPGL Treasurer- Larry-WB2UFO

Secretary-Fred-KBØWIL Secretary- Fred-KBØWIL

Tony-WØPGL, has decided not to run for Treasurer in 2013. The HARC wants to thank you, for all you hard work being the club Treasurer for many years. We will accept nominations, for officers until the meeting in December and then vote.

HARC By-Laws:

We discussed, about updating a few items in the clubs By-Laws. Cliff-KØCA, Don-KDØHHN and Fred-KBØWIL will work on making the corrections and updates.

Technician Class License Training:

Don-KDØHHN discussed about starting up a class for Technician License. Mike-NA9Q offered to have the club work with their instructors, starting in January 2013 , when they start their classes. We will keep you updated.

HARC- Christmas Carry In -December 12th, 2012

We will be having our annual carry in of snacks, deserts, sandwiches, chips, whatever you wish to bring. The start time is going to be 6:30 PM , and our club meeting directly following.

HARC- Dinner (Saturday February 9th, 2013): We will be having our annual HARC Dinner Get Together at the Golden Corral, start time is 6:00PM. Fred-KBØWIL will take care of the reservations. We will be sitting up front as usual. Everyone is responsible, for their own meal purchase.

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K9P-Special Event 2013:

Carol –WA9EFV informed us that in 2013, PASA-Park will be hosting a big shooting event with several vendors. He will inform us of the exact date, when it becomes available. When we know the date we can plan on setting up the K9P Special Event Station . Fred-KBØWIL will arrange for permission to use K9P as our call, if it's available.

Field Day 2013: Update !!

We will be having Field Day on June 22nd-June 23rd 2013, at Huckleberry Park The Hannibal Parks & Rec Dept, has offered to set up a tent, and tables and chairs, at Huckleberry Park. We can't use the pavilion, but we will be set up just north of the pavilion. This location will work out much better, than Riverview Park

Fred-KBØWIL will be setting this up with Andy at the Hannibal Parks & Rec Dept.

Motion to approve: Larry-WB2UFO

Seconded by: Mel-KCØHYY.

*Field Day 2012 Update: We finished in 4th place, in the 2A class in Missouri.

Club Generator:

Update! Oral-KØUBR purchased a used 5K generator at an auction. He is going to make a few minor repairs, and if it operates as intended, he is going to bring it to the 2013 Field Day Event, and we will use it all weekend. He might even sell it to the club, stay tuned for updates.

HARC Barbeque 2013: (Saturday) September 14th, 2013.

We will be having the barbeque, next year at Huckleberry Park. Fred –KBØWIL reserved the pavilion.

HARC New Membership: Ed-K9WAY joined our great club tonight, Welcome to the HARC!!

HARC Club Dues-2013: Don't forget, that the club dues will be due, for 2013, please your dues on time.

Thank You.

Thank you: Thanks to Luan-KC9PGS for bringing the great snacks to the meeting. We really appreciate it.

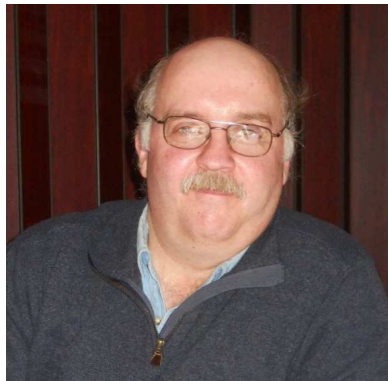
Number of members present: 13

Number of guests: 4

Total in attendance: 17



**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
DECEMBER 2012
BY DON VARY KD0HHN**



Hello everyone. It's just a few days until Thanksgiving and I hope that everyone is in good health and getting ready to spend time with family and friends. With everything going on with the economy and life in general, it is good to remember things to be thankful for.

For those who were not at the last meeting, there are a couple of things that I would like to bring up that were discussed. Over the past few months I have been approached by various agencies about having a Technician level class. I know it has been a few years since we had a class in Hannibal, and hopefully we will get a good response for this. Mike Nowak also suggested that we look at combining what students we have for this class with the Quincy class. Since they have a dedicated facility with all of the equipment in place for the class, I feel that this would be a good idea. The one thing that I asked the club for was support for the class and it's students by offering services as Elmers for the students to turn to if they have a question about something with the course, or even later after they get their license and need some help. So far Cliff, KØCA and Larry, WB2UFO have offered their services, and it would be nice to see some of our more experienced members work to pass on their knowledge to future generations.

The second item was brought up by Cliff, and tonight on the net by Larry. I am the Emergency Coordinator for Marion County and have been working over the past few months to reactivate the ARES program here. So far I have 11 amateurs who have volunteered their time/ services and equipment to handle communications if and when a disaster occurs. As with anything, I can always use more volunteers. The training requirements are not that much, and we meet once a month on a Saturday morning for about an hour. If you are interested in the ARES program, please feel free to contact me and I will send you the information. I

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am working on establishing a facebook page for the ARES group in the near future which will make it easier for people to find out about us.

With that, I would once again like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Everyone stay safe and try not to over eat too much on the turkey.

73, Don



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Without a doubt one of the first operating aids anyone getting into ham radio looks to acquire is a good and easy to use computer based logging program. There are more than a few out there that can be downloaded for free from the internet. Others may be purchased and downloaded via the internet with costs ranging from \$15 to nearly \$150. Several have become quite popular and have almost become standards in the amateur community. Before selecting one, especially if it is one requiring a cash outlay, you should determine the suitability to your needs. Some are best suited for general operating needs or for logging and tracking DX contacts. Others are best suited for the contest environment or other specialty operating areas. The one that best suits your needs may take a bit of time to identify. One good place to find application information and what experiences other are having with a particular program is the review section of eHam.com. Go to <http://www.eham.net/reviews/products/27>. Scanning this list you will find over 100 listings of logging programs and logbook utilities. Read the reviews and that should tell you how others are using the program and their results, gripes or praises.

Any logger you select should have the capability of importing or exporting your log in ADIF format. This is essential if you ever need to move data to or from another logging program. It is also the file format used as the starting point for uploading your log file to the ARRL LoTW. Also, the logger should be capable of exporting your log in Cabrillo format which is the standard format when submitting a contest log to the ARRL contest robot. Essential also is the ability to easily back your log up on an external device. Everyone should do a periodic backup of their electronic log to avoid losing your contact data in case of a hard disc crash. A built in backup function is very much preferable to having to manually find the log file and copy it to another location. Another important issue is product support. Nothing is more frustrating than to have a problem with a piece of software and no one to turn to for an answer. Many of the more popular loggers have user discussion groups where answers to problems or questions on use can be easily found from other users. Software authors are not always responsive to user queries although there are exceptions. Reading the eHam reviews will usually allow you to determine those loggers where the author is or is not responsive to users or reads and responds to the group posts.

Several of the more popular logging programs that you must buy have a no-cost trial version that allows you to get the feel of the program and its user interface. Try these before you purchase the full product. Most of the trial versions are fully active but do not allow you to save the log file so they are not a temporary solution but still useful to get to know the software. My personal favorites are DX4WIN for general logging and N1MM for contest situations. DX4WIN comes at price of about \$90 and can be downloaded via the internet site. Once payment has been made an activation key is mailed to the registered user and that activates the full program. N1MM is a free contest logger and is also available via the internet.

DX News...

5T - Announced frequencies for the 5T0SP DXpedition to Mauritania (24 November-10 December) CW 1825 3515 7015 10113 14025 18075 21025 24900 28025 50103; SSB 1850 3790 7070/7165 14145 18125 21273 24980 28440 50115; RTTY 7048 10138 14080 18100 21080 24915 28080. QSL via SP6FXY, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log). All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW "after reasonable time". Further information can be found at <http://5t0sp.dxing.pl/>

AU2 - INDIA Special event station AU2JCB to be active between November 24th and December 10th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters SSB, SSTV, PSK and FM. QSL direct to VU2DSI. Operations are to celebrate the 154th anniversary of the birth (November 30th) of Sir Jagadeesh Chandra Bose, India's great scientist and inventor.

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D3 - ANGOLA. UA1QV, is now active as D3AA from Vila de Catoca, about 30 km from Saurimo, the capital of the Province Lunda Sul, Angola, until he leaves on February 15th for another vacation. QSL via UA1QV.

JX - Jan Mayen JX9JKA has extended his stay on Jan Mayen (EU-022) until 11 April 2013. He is active on all bands SSB and digital modes. QSL via LA9JKA, direct only: Svein Rabbevag, Brendlia 12, 6013 Alesund, Norway.

N0D - USA. Doomsday special event. According to the Mayan Calendar, the end of the world will occur on December 21, 2012. To celebrate this once in a lifetime event, special event station "N0D" to be on the air for the following three days:

December 20th - To celebrate the end of the world.

December 21st - The day of destruction. Operators will be on the air as long as possible.

December 22nd - This day is a little iffy right now.

This operation will take place from a secret undisclosed location. QSL with SASE via KK5W, the address is in QRZ.com. According to the info on QRZ.com, "If Doomsday actually does happen, we regret that a QSL will not be possible so don't mail your QSL request until it is safe." More information is available about certificates, official N0D Doomsday apparel (T-shirts, Caps and buttons) and becoming a registered "Official Doomsday Station" [also take the Doomsday survey] on the Official N0D Web site at: <http://www.nowzeroday.com> You can also E-mail the N0D team at <N0D.Doomsday@gmail.com> with questions or suggestions about Doomsday. "DO IT QUICK -- TIME IS RUNNING OUT"

ST - SUDAN. CT1FTR, has moved to the Sudan and has recently obtained his ST2FT license. He is using a FT-857 that is set up for SSB and PSK31 on the HF bands. QSL via CT2GBU direct.

T6 - AFGHANISTAN. Eric, K9GY, now active as T6MO from the Helmand Province. Activity is on 40/20/15/10 meters only using 100 watts into a OCF dipole at 30 feet. His sunrise is 0218z and sunset is 1240z. QSL via K8GY.

ZL9 - CAMPBELL ISLAND. Members of the Hellenic Amateur Radio of Association of Australia will be active as ZL9HR from Campbell Island until December 9th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using all modes. QSL via EB7DX direct, LoTW or use the OQRS for Bureau and direct requests.

So much for the DX news for December. As usual, thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the 425 DX Newsletter and the OPDX DX Bulletin for information contained in this column.

73, Mike NA9Q

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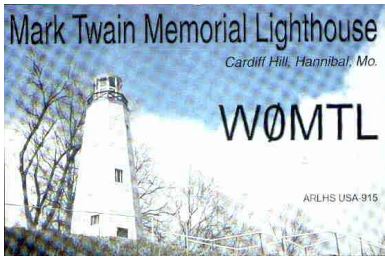


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